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REMARKS

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1. On 26 October 1950 [redacted] the units from the post had not yet returned. The installations were occupied only by recruits and rear details of the units which had previously been quartered there. \*

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2. The Lutz Kaserne was occupied by only a guard detail. \*

3. The Hindenburg Kaserne was occupied to about 75 percent of capacity. Gate guards wore tank insignia.

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4. Guards in front of the Cambrai Kaserne were infantrymen. Recruits received basic training in the barracks yard.

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\* Comment. Although elements of the 19th Gds Mecz Div were still identified either at Letzling Heath or returning to Hillersleben on 12 October 1950, Camp Born was reported to be vacant on 26 October 1950. Since 50X1-HUM present report states that the elements of the 19th Gds Mecz Div had not returned to their Wunsdorf post on 26 October, it is possible that the elements of this division, upon completion of their summer exercises, remained in another area rather than returning to their former billeting area of Wunsdorf-Zossen. The division may have been reassigned to its former billeting area of Magdeburg and the area west of the city, where it had been stationed prior to its transfer to the area south of Berlin in 1947. This assumption may be supported by a previous report [redacted] that the 50X1-HUM Soviet troops in Camp Born would start moving to the barracks at the Hillersleben range and to the Goeckt Kaserne, Magdeburg, on 25 September 1950; and by another report of 11 September 1950 [redacted] 50X1-HUM that 1,400 troops would move into the vacant Mansfeld Kaserne, Halberstadt, in the fall of 1950. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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Although it is necessary to further substantiate this assumption, a return of the 19th Gds Mecz Div to the hitherto unoccupied area west of Magdeburg, and thus back to its army area, seems plausible. The troops observed in Wuensdorf at the end of October 1950 were only rear details, probably of units of the 19th Gds Mecz Div.

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